

Remarks

Drawings

Applicant respectfully traverses the office action's objections to the drawings in regard to the depiction of a mounting face. The detailed description consistently refers to each figure as having a first leg and a second leg. The discussion of other figures, particularly the description of Figures 13 and 14, make clear that the reference to a first leg is a reference to a "mounting face as claimed". See in particular page 10, lines 16 through page 11, line 13.

Moreover, even without the express description of the mounting face as claimed, those who are skilled in the art would understand immediately and without question that the first leg, reference number 11 in Figure 1 would be the face that is mounted to the wall. This is further clarified in Figure 4 where the wall itself (38) is depicted in relation to the installation of the claimed flashing receiver, with the depicted version of the flashing receiver being the elected embodiment depicted in claim 1. Hence, the specification and drawings are more than adequate to communicate to one of skill in the art the mounting face of the structure and the mounting technique of using the invention.

Nevertheless, the amendment to the specification at page 7, line 8 is submitted herewith to further clarify the point.

35 USC § 102/103

Independent claims 1, 13 and 20 as amended recite structural differences between the present invention claimed and the prior art of record, to wit, that an outer extension of the J shaped channel is parallel to the first leg of the claimed flashing receiver. The prior art of record clearly does not disclose such parallel structures. This structure corresponds to the utility of the

present invention as now structurally claimed in a manner that the prior art lacks utility, because the claimed structure receives siding as depicted in Figure 4, which the prior art device could not do.

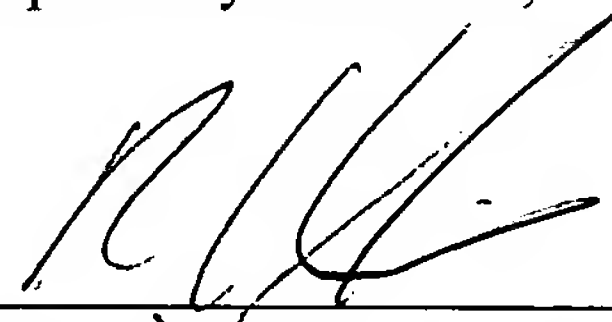
New Claims

New claim 21 is supported throughout the application, particularly at page 7, lines 14-16. New claim 22 is supported throughout the application and figures, particularly at page 7, lines 16-18. New claim 23 is supported throughout the application, particularly at page 7, line 18. New claim 24 is supported throughout the application, particularly at page 7, lines 12-13.

Statement Regarding the Substance of an Interview

Applicant thanks the Examiner for a courteous and useful interview, wherein structural differences between the depicted invention of the present application and the '454 patent and other references of record were discussed, including particularly an outer extension of a J shaped channel being parallel to a first leg of the claimed flashing receiver.

Respectfully submitted,



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